

REMARKS

Claims 1-118 are all the claims pending in the application, with claims 1 and 112 being the only independent claims. As a preliminary matter, Applicant and the undersigned thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the present Action with the undersigned on September 7, 2006.

Applicant recognizes the position set forth in the Action which indicated that the application contains claims directed to eighty patentably distinct species. Applicant respectfully traverses the basis for the Election/Restriction Requirement. However, in order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicant elects the embodiment depicted in Fig. 2a. Claims readable upon this figure include, for example, claims 1, 2, 4, 46-52, 62, 64, 84-86, 91-93, 103, 105, and 112. It is further submitted that independent claims 1 and 112 are generic.

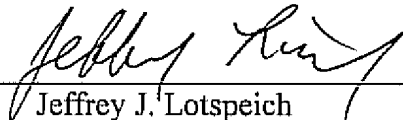
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for consideration on merits. Examination of the application is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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